

The High and Mighty Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, &c.

The Manner of his Arriuall at the Spanish Court, the Magnificence of his Royall Entertainment there: His happy Returne, and hearty welcome, both to the King and Kingdome of England, the fifth of October, 1623. Heere liuely and briefly described, together with certaine other delightfull passaiges, observable in the whole Trauaille.



No longer let sad dolours darke your eyes,
No longer feares your doubtfull hearts surprize,
Leave gazing on each other, o're the Land,
As if the Countries state were at a stand:
The solitary night is past away,
Succeeded by the glorious light of day,
Which broughth the brightfull Sunne, againe to reare
His rayes aboue our Britiſh Hemisphare;
That now the Land, which thirty weekes did mourne,
Dries her tear'd face, and finds her ioy returne.

His Departure, and Journey.

This griefe did growe (without a fain'd pretence)
Vpon departure of our gracious Prince;
Whose often perils, mixt with trauaile-paine,
And oft distempers which he did sustaine,
Both on the Sea, and that huge tract of way,
That in a hundred forty * stages lay,
While to, and through the very heart of France
He past, deseru'dly doe his fame aduance.
In morning of the Spring he gan to goe,
And made it Winter here, which was not so;
Whose Winters visitng vs now againe,
Makes vs new Spring of gladnesse entertaine.
On Marche's seventh day, to Spaines Courtly aire
Vnto Madrid w^s made his first repaire;
Where both our Kings ^b Embassadors, on knee,
With wonderment him welcom'd heartily;
With whom he priuately himselfe repos'd
Till to that Monarch there, he was discloſ'd.

His Entertainment there.

His Comming knowne, the Maiestie of Spaine,
That euer to his Highnesse did maintaine
Royall respect, him graciously saluted,
And as his ^c Second Selfe the Prince reputed;
Yeelding large Quarter, and the Courtliest place,
With store of Nobles to attend his Grace:
Who from all ^d coasts (as their Lords will imported)
Eight hundred of the chiefeſt there resorted:
These ſtruing, preſt with ſerviceable loue,
Themſelues euen as his Leigemen ſtill to proue:
Deuizing often ^e Maſques, Tilt, Tournament,
Barriers, Flights, Chace, each thing to cauſe content;
Sparing no coſt, expoſing (the greatest treaſure)
Their perſons to aſſault (to ſhew him pleaſure)

Fierce ^f Bulls, vntam'd, vntide: nor was this all;
Spaines Soueraigne held himſelfe a ^g Festiuall,
To Honour Englands Heire, t'adorne which, were
The Queene, and faire Infanta present there.
Ne're Prince ſuch liking, ſo much grace accrewde,
Both of King, Nobles, Gentry, Multitude:
And this for ſixe moneths ſtay. But leauing theſe,
Haste we to ſee'em vpon, and paſt the Seas.

His Returne, Arriuall, and welcome.

Bidding the King, his Court, theſe ſports aciew,
Tembarke at Biscay ſhore he ſtraiete withdrue,
And waited long to meeete a luckie wind,
At laſt, his wiſh was anſwered to his mind:
Heau'n proues propitious, windē his loue imparts,
Drawne by the prayers, driu'n by the ſighes, from hearts
Of thousands here: So thence he forward ſet,
And Poſtſmounts Port, in ſeven daies ſaile he fet.
But being arriu'd, no tongue can halfe exprefſe
The rauifh Countries wondrouſ ioy fulneſſe,
The Peoples clamour, Trumpets clangor, ſound
Of Drums, Fifes, Violls, Lutes, theſe did abound;
Loud Cannons thundring from the Caſtels, Towers,
And Ships, ſhooke Ayre and Earth, all to their powers,
Pourde healths of wine for welcome; Bells were rung,
Bonfires were kindled, fire-works each-where flung:
Yet's not enough high fires in ſtreets to frame,
Vnleſe the fire of zeale your hearts enflame;
And that in Churcheſ Psalmes of thankes be ſinging,
As well as in the Steepleſ Bells a ringing.
Yee haue pray'd, your prayer's heard; now this is done,
Laud God, and loue your King, and Kingdomes Sonne.

His arriuall at London, his welcome to the Court, with the generall Applauditeſ of all the People.

Yet louingly his louing mind he ſhewes
To London, where his ſubiects loue beſtowes;
Some for meere ioy, burning their whole estate;
That Brittaines Prince might not find them ingrate:
All ſhew'd their loues, all did for beare to mourne,
When Englands ioy, with ioy did ſafe returne.
Thus did he haſte to ſee his Fathers Court,
Where thouſand hearts with ioy did free reſort,
To give their beſt of welcomes: Englands Deare,
Was ne're more welcome; when their Heart was here,
That Heart, that dead did lay ſo many hearts,
When he from Brittany ſo freely parts,

Did with his ſight reuive thoſe hearts againe,
Which his long abſence hath a long timie ſlaine.
The Royall Caſar of Great Brittayne's Ile,
Did entertaine his Sonne; a gracious ſmile,
And blessing he vpon his head doth powre,
Reioycing at that happy ioyfull houre.
Brittaineſ chiefē Deare did thus embrace his Deare,
Iuſt in the forme you ſee pourtrayed here.
Then ſince all count theſe dayes the happy dayes,
To him that makes man happy, be the Praise.

These Notes, with their direcitory letters, are
here inserted, for the better explaining ſome
of the Verſes, and Story.

^a His Journey by Land, conſiſted of 141 ſtages, here in England, France, & Spaine; ſome of them containel ut 8 or 10, ſome 12 or 16 miles in length; ſo that the computation of the vway that his Highneſſe rode Poſte amount to about 1100. miles.

^b The Lord Digby, Earle of Briftoll, Embaſſadour extraordiuary for the Kings Maiellie; and Sir Walter Aſton, Leiger there.

^c For the King of Spaine appointed him halfe his Guard, and a moſt ſumptuous Quarter in the Court, for his reſidence; as alſo caused him to ride in Triuumph through Madrid.

^d The Catholike King, becauſe other triumphes were prepaſing, ſent mandatory letters about, eſpecially to the Principall Nobility of Aragon, that they ſhould come and giue attendance at the Court, vpon the Princes pleaſure, becauſe they haue the reputacion to be excellent men at Armes.

^e Of which Maſques, the moſt magniſcent, was on Eaſter day laſt, preſented by the Lord Admirall of Caſtile and Leon, in celebraſion of our moſt Illuſtrious Princes Arriuall there; where in the King alſo was thought to haue beene an Actor.

^f It hath bin, and is a cuſtome of that Countrey, at ſome great ſolemnities, for their Noblemen, as Dukes, Earles, Lords, and others of beſt note, to enter the liſts, and maintaine combate with Lances, Targets, Swords, and Darts, againſt loſe furious Bulls, in which they exercise their Courage and abilities, ſometimes not without danger; and as they meriit, purchase estimation. This was performed at Whitsontide.

^g That Festiuall before mentioned, was made by the King of Spaine at Madrid, the 21 of Auguft laſt, 1623. to honour the Espouall Treaties of Prince Charles, with the Lady Infanta Maria of Austria; and the maner was by darting with Canes, after the vſe there.

And this may ſuffice for a briefe, yet plaine deſcription of our Noble Princes ſudden Journey thither, his Royall entertainment there, and moſt happy Returne hither, and welcomme home againe: To Gods glory, and the exceeding ioy and comfort of all true loyall hearted Subiects.

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